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# OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

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*Superintendent.*  
( NEWTON F. WALKER. )

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## INTELLECTUAL DEPARTMENT.

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*Teachers in the Department for the Deaf and Dumb.*

PROF. JOHN M. HUGHSTON,

MISS JANE I. ROGERS.

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*Literary Department for the Blind.*

MRS. M. A. W. NORTH.

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*Musical Department for the Blind.*

PROF. WM. B. NORTH.

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## DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

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*Steward.*

CHARLES A. NEAGLE.

*Matron.*

MRS. ANN R. NEAGLE.





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EXTRACT  
FROM THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION  
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# SOUTH CAROLINA INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.

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This Institution is one of the noblest of our State charities, and merits the most liberal encouragement. It is under the able supervision of Prof. Newton F. Walker, whose efforts are well sustained by attentive and efficient officers and teachers. The number of pupils in attendance during the Scholastic Session, which closed on Thursday, June 27th, 1872, was..... 42

This is a larger number of pupils than have ever attended during any previous session. The present School Session commenced on Wednesday, October 2, 1872. The main building of the Institution not affording sufficient room for the accommodation of pupils, the building known as "The Old Boarding House," has been placed in a state of good repair, and the Institution is now open for the reception of suitable pupils of all classes. The funds which *ought* to have been available for the support of the Institution for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1872, are as follows :

Unexpended Balance of State Appropriation for the Fiscal	
Year ending October 31st, 1871.....	\$ 3,179 00
State Appropriation for the Fiscal Year ending October 31st,	
1872.....	10,000 00
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Total.....	\$13,179 00

The Institution has received, of the foregoing amount, from the State Treasury, only five hundred dollars, but has been sustained, during the year, though with much difficulty, on credit.

The annual report of the Institution for 1872 shows that the amount of money expended for its support, for the Fiscal Year ending October 31st, 1872, was..... \$9,242 02

Of this amount, \$625.00 was paid out for repairs on the "Old Boarding House." The repairs on the "Old Boarding House" were made under the direction of the Board of Commissioners of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, and cost..... \$1,981 00

Of this sum, \$1,356.00 have been paid out since November 1st, 1872, the commencement of the Current Fiscal Year.

A new supply of text-books, school apparatus and musical instruments is necessary, in order that the Institution may fully carry out its good

work. I desire to call attention to the importance of making provisions by which the pupils of this Institution shall be taught such trades or handicrafts as will enable each one of them to obtain a respectable livelihood after leaving the Institution.

This matter is of as much, if not of greater, importance to these wards of the State, than that which is popularly termed an education. There ought to be established :

- A Broom Shop, for the Blind ;
- A Wood Shop, for the Mutes ;
- A Printing Office, for the Mutes ;
- A Sewing Room, for the Girls.

There is now a Shoe Shop connected with the Institution. To carry out such a plan will necessitate the following expenditures :

- The purchase of an outfit for a small Printing Office ;
- The purchase of Sewing Machines, &c., for the Sewing Room.

The putting in thorough repair of the brick building now occupied in part by the Shoe Shop.

The Wood or Cabinet Shop and Broom Shop can be put in operation without incurring much expense.

A very large proportion of the pupils attending the Institution are either orphans, or children of parents who, by reason of extreme poverty, are wholly unable to provide them with suitable clothing, and to defray their transportation expenses to and from the Institution. I am fully persuaded that many who would otherwise gladly avail themselves of its advantages, are, for this reason, prevented from so doing. It would be an act of generosity and humanity on the part of our legislators, to create and set apart a fund for the purpose of defraying the clothing and transportation expenses of these indigent and unfortunate people.

I recommend for the support of the South Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, for the Fiscal Year commencing November 1st, 1872, a State Appropriation of..... \$15,000 00

REFERENCE.—Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the South Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, Cedar Spring, Spartanburg County, S. C.

# Superintendent's Report.

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*To the Honorable the Board of Commissioners  
of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind:*

GENTLEMEN—The duty devolves on me, of presenting to you, the condition and necessities of the Institution over which I have the honor to preside. With this, closes the Twenty-fourth Fiscal Year since the foundation of the Institution. Having had, recently, frequent calls for a short history of this Institution, from the heads of Sister Institutions, and deeming it desirable as a matter of record, I propose here to insert a concise statement of the general items of interest connected therewith.

The foundation of the School, or rather of the Department for the Deaf and Dumb, dates from January, 1849. The Department for the Blind was opened in April, 1855. The enterprise was that of an individual, from its origin, in 1849, up to 1857, at which time the property was transferred to the State, and more ample buildings erected. The exercises were undisturbed up to the beginning of the year 1865, at which time, on account of the absence of a currency, the pupils were sent home. In the Fall of 1866, the exercises were resumed and continued for one Session, after which it was deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners, again to suspend indefinitely; this obliged the Teachers and officers to enter other fields of labor for their support; being, at the time, one of the Associate Principals, I consider it my duty, here, in behalf of the others, as well as myself, to state that the Institution was not deserted by us voluntarily. By and with the advice of the then existing Board of Commissioners, we engaged in other pursuits, temporarily; engaging with Professor Hughston to reside in the Building, and to take care of the property, since he could do so, and, at the same time, superintend his farm, which was adjoining this place. In the Fall of 1869, the School was, for the second time, re-opened, and has, since that time, steadily advanced in numbers and usefulness, until now there is a greater number of pupils in attendance than at any previous time since its inception. This progress, too, despite the financial stringency of the year, which would surely have necessitated the third suspension, but for the strenuous efforts of your Honorable Board, and the long credit given us by some of the merchants of Spartanburg, and others, from whom we have procured, and are still procuring, our supplies. In this connection

I would mention the fact that the Teachers have labored steadily and assiduously, although they have not received their salaries for almost a year: this, too, when a majority of them could have entered other fields of labor. They have been encouraged by the deep interest which your Board have taken in behalf of the Institution, and to-day, although some of them are much in need of the amount due them, they are as closely and honestly engaged in their respective labors as if they had been regularly and promptly paid their salaries. We confidently hope that, ere the close of the year, the State finances may be so improved that they, as well as the merchants and others who have so generously come to our aid in this matter, may be relieved. As will be more fully shown in the proper place, the institution is in debt to the amount of \$5,441.29 (besides what has been raised by your Board, by depositing orders on the State Treasury, as collaterals.)

This amount includes all outstanding debts up to the close of the Fiscal Year, except an amount of \$395.48, which is still due on the Fiscal Year of 1867, and, as I understand from my predecessor, has never been officially brought before your Board.

The number of pupils received during the year, has been forty-one; their names and classification are as follows:

### DEAF AND DUMB.

#### MALES.

Andrew W. Smoke.....	Barnwell County, S. C.
Fletcher C. White.....	Union County, S. C.
Walter J. A. Ashmore.....	Greenville County, S. C.
Isaac A. West.....	Spartanburg County, S. C.
Thomas Elrod.....	Anderson County, S. C.
John T. Johnson.....	Williamsburg County, S. C.
J. Lewis Miner.....	Edgefield County, S. C.
William T. Christopher.....	Greenville County, S. C.
Robert Brackenridge.....	Oconee County, S. C.
John W. A. Major.....	Anderson County, S. C.
W. Capers Herlong.....	Orangeburg County, S. C.

#### FEMALES.

Cornelia A. Porter.....	Orangeburg County, S. C.
Eliza D. Brown.....	York County, S. C.
Nancy M. Rhodes.....	Laurens County, S. C.
Lucy B. Rogers.....	Abbeville County, S. C.
Laura A. Rogers.....	Spartanburg County, S. C.



Clara A. Rogers.....	Spartanburg County, S. C.
Ada F. Taylor.....	Laurens County, S. C.
Frances M. Johnston .....	Williamsburg County, S. C.
Martha A. E. Holson.....	Edgefield County, S. C.
Leathe A. Chapman.....	Greenville County, S. C.
Angeline Williams.....	Lexington County, S. C.

## BLIND.

## MALES.

William Slatten.....	Greenville County, S. C.
William R. Cochran.....	Charleston, S. C.
James B. Kavanagh.....	Charleston, S. C.
Henry Rourke.....	Charleston, S. C.
John A. Wigington.....	Oconee County, S. C.
John G. Smith.....	Barnwell County, S. C.
Pinckney P. Blalock.....	Edgefield County, S. C.
Thomas L. Martin.....	Spartanburg County, S. C.
Thomas F. Bonham.....	Laurens County, S. C.
James D. Talley.....	Greenville County, S. C.
Isaac P. Tinsley.....	Spartanburg County, S. C.

## FEMALES.

Ida L. Witz.....	Charleston, S. C.
Mary M. White.....	Charleston, S. C.
Frances E. Pack.....	Clarendon County, S. C.
Temperance S. Baldwin.....	Laurens County, S. C.
Susan A. Gamewell.....	Spartanburg County, S. C.
Nannie C. Scruggs.....	Greenville County, S. C.
Sarah A. Beccham.....	York County, S. C.
Barbara Lomax.....	Abbeville County, S. C.

The deportment of the pupils has, in general, been satisfactory, and all have made commendable progress in their studies. No death has occurred during the entire Session, and the health of all connected with the Institution, has been unusually good. Each Annual Report more fully confirms the desirableness of our location, in point of health.

Your attention is respectfully called to the great need of increased Shop facilities. We have only the Boot and Shoe trade for the Deaf and Dumb boys, and no trade for either Males or Females of the Blind pupils, or for the Mute girls. I would suggest that a sufficient appropriation be asked for, to enable us to establish an Industrial Department for the Females of both Departments, a Printing Office and Cabinet

Shop for the Deaf and Dumb boys, and the Broom, Mat, Brush and Chair Seating trades for the Blind boys. Of the latter class of pupils, we have a number of adults, a majority of whom must have trades taught them, here, or else return to their families, and remain in a state of comparative dependence on them, whereas with a portion or all of the trades last enumerated, they will make not only self-supporting men, but valuable and useful citizens. In lieu of these shops and trades, the pupils have been required to aid in the domestic duties of the establishment, both in and out of doors. Ours is peculiarly a home Institution; the association of the Superintendent with the pupils is closely assimilated to that of a father with his children, his office and private room being always accessible to them. Officers and pupils take their meals in the same room, and at the same table. The teachers have performed their duties satisfactorily and in a manner commendable to them. The curriculum of studies has not been materially changed, since the date of the last Report. The following Studies have been pursued in the Department for the Deaf and Dumb: Peet's Course of Instruction, Geography, Arithmetic, English Grammar, History, Bible Lessons and General Literature. In the Department for the Blind, the following branches have been taught: Orthography, Reading, Writing, Mental and Written Arithmetic, English Grammar, Ancient and Modern History, Natural History, Philosophy, Rhetoric, Chemistry, Algebra, Geometry, Latin, Biblical and General Literature, and Vocal and Instrumental Music. I would urge the propriety of the Superintendent's being authorized to visit some of the leading Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind in the United States, during the next Session, in order thoroughly to acquaint himself with all improvements in Books, Apparatus, Regime, &c., and to procure such as would be of benefit to our Institution. Our Books and Apparatus, particularly for the Blind, have been in use for a long time, and sadly need replenishing.



The following Exhibit of the Finances is respectfully submitted :

Amount received from State Treasurer.....	\$ 500 00
Amount borrowed on Orders deposited.....	3,169 30
Amount received from other sources.....	131 43

Total Cash received.....\$3,800 73

Total Expenditures for all purposes, for Fiscal Year ending October 31,  
1872.

SUPPLIES.		
1st Quarter.....	\$715 09	
2d Quarter.....	932 28	
3d Quarter.....	908 89	
4th Quarter.....	679 68	
		\$3,235 94
SALARIES.		
1st Quarter.....	\$900 00	
2d Quarter.....	900 00	
3d Quarter.....	900 00	
4th Quarter.....	920 00	
		\$3,620 00
BOOKS, STATIONERY, APPARATUS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, &C.		
1st Quarter.....	\$ 51 19	
2d Quarter.....	22 94	
3d Quarter.....	59 63	
4th Quarter.....	30 31	
		\$ 164 07
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, IMPROVEMENTS, &C.		
1st Quarter.....	\$251 15	
2d Quarter.....	82 02	
3d Quarter.....	75 75	
4th Quarter.....	661 02½	
		\$1,069 94½
TRAVEL EXPENSES, WAGES AND INCIDENTALS.		
1st Quarter.....	\$245 18	
2d Quarter.....	326 71	
3d Quarter.....	317 79	
4th Quarter.....	262 38½	
		\$1,152 06½
Total.....		\$9,242 02
Amount of Cash received, as previously shown.....		3,800 73
Balance .....		\$5,441 29

Allow me, in consideration of the foregoing facts and necessities, and in view of an increase in the number of pupils likely to be in attendance during the next Session, to suggest that your Board ask of the Legislature an appropriation of \$15,000.

This amount will enable us to carry on the Institution, and to do something in the way of establishing shops, and make some necessary repairs and improvements.

By your permission, Prof. Hughton has been allowed to engage Mrs. L. C. W. Henderson, in his stead, in order that he may spend the winter in a more Southern climate. The condition of his health made this change necessary. We hope to see him return in the spring, or early summer, much improved, and to have him spared to us for many years. Under this arrangement, it has been thought best to allow Mrs. North to remain in the Department for the Deaf and Dumb, and Mrs. Henderson to take charge of that for the Blind.

C. A. Neagle, having been appointed Steward by your Board, entered upon his duties as such on the first of October, 1872.

With this Fiscal Year closes the official connection of a majority of your Board with this Institution. As the Executive Officer of the Institution, I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the zeal and devotion exhibited by you, individually as well as officially, in behalf of the unfortunate sons and daughters of the Commonwealth, for whom the State, through your instrumentality, has here provided.

In conclusion, it is proper that we join in rendering thanks to Almighty God for the success vouchsafed us during the Fiscal Year, and for the exemption from death or any serious calamity. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

NEWTON F. WALKER,  
Superintendent.

CEDAR SPRING, S. C.

Submitted December 16, 1872.

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### TERMS OF ADMISSION.

1st. Parents applying for the admission of children will address the Superintendent.

2d. The Parents, Guardians, or Friends of the pupils are required to clothe them. Every article of clothing must have the pupil's name on it in indelible ink, or with thread of unfading color. The whole must be neatly packed in a good trunk, with a good lock and key. Pupils must be neatly and comfortably clothed, but no extravagance in dress is allowed.

3d. A small amount of money, say five or ten dollars, will be required to be deposited with the Superintendent, for the benefit of the pupil, should need require.

4th. New pupils will be received at the beginning of each Session.

5th. Pay pupils charged \$———, per session of ten months.

6th. Payments are always to be made six months in advance.

7th. Except in cases of sickness, all the pupils are expected to remain at the Institution, from the commencement to the close of each Session, at which time Parents or Friends should be prepared to take them home to spend the vacation.

### LOCATION.

The South Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, is located at Cedar Spring, in Spartanburg County, four miles South of Spartanburg C. H., and one mile West of Cedar Spring Station, on the line of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad.





